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# Exciting News For Forensic Science

## College approves Forensic Science graduate degree

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There is something new brewing in the science department here at Saint Joseph's College. Recently, the college has approved the development of new programs in forensic science. Dr. Neal Haskell and Dr. Robert Brodman are heading the program, alongside Dr. Tim Rice, Joel Haskell, Dr. Daniel Blankenship, and Dr. Chau Wong. Together they are working towards creating the educational opportunities for students and professionals interested in graduate education.

There are two Masters classes and Professional development courses being offered. The Master classes being offered are in Forensic Science and Forensic Entomology. The Forensic Science is a not a thesis driven course and works with the student in their particular field. However, the Entomology Degree does require a thesis for completion.

The Professional programs



Dr. Neal Haskell and works with SJC students. Photo Courtesy Saint Joseph's College.

would be offered in the summer and are shortened on duration. Some of the classes would include Blood Splatter Analysis and Forensic Application of DNA.

A key selling point of programs is that they are not only completed in Rensselaer, but there are also courses available to take at crime lab facilities and other universities. This allows the instructors to be pooled together to create the best opportunity for those seeking to further their education.

Kynten Hannon, an alumnus

who graduated in December of 2011, has been helping develop and test the program. "It's been interesting," said the former Biology Wildlife Ecology Major. After taking an entomology elective her senior year, Hannon became interested in forensic science, and has been working with Dr. Haskell ever since. She and the professors have started building a curriculum suited for a graduate degree.

Haskell and Hannon have been working with Roland Kohr, a research pathologist at

Terre Haute Regional Medical Center, among many other contacts outside of the college. Their contacts will help form a curriculum as well as bringing in students.

What really sets the program apart, though, Hannon says, is that the program will be "hands on, not textbook based," and that students are able to get down and dirty working at Haskell's farm handling real cadavers. Hannon does a lot of this on a daily basis, getting plenty of practical knowledge by doing things like working on case studies of real victims.

There is no doubt quite the interest in this among students here at Saint Joseph's College. The program is expected to draw interest from current students as well as overflow from other school with high enrollment in their forensic science graduate programs, such as Purdue University.

# Soup Kitchen Volunteers Help Those in Need

## Campus Ministry sponsors trip to Illinois soup kitchen

By Shannon Kiley  
News Writer

On Sunday, February 17, Campus Ministry hosted a soup kitchen at Saint Victor's Church in Calumet City, Illinois. The event brought together ten volunteers who devoted their Sunday to helping those in need. The bus was scheduled to leave right after the 11am mass and was expected to return at about dinner time. This is the second time this year that Campus Ministry has participated in a soup kitchen. The first time was in mid-November last year. All the food was cooked by Sodexo, and later was further prepared by the students upon reaching the church. Typically, about 125 people benefit from the service, but this number varies based on the weather. The colder it is, the more participants they seem to have. Those who attend the soup kitchen come from all

walks of life. Many are simply down on their luck or have fallen on hard times; some may appear to be more "lazy." When asked to comment on this, Brother Tim Hemm, who organized the event, quoted Matthew 25:40, "as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Student representative for the event, Sophomore Elementary Education major, Clayton Carr said, "The least you can do is help someone else out, why not?"

While there will not be another soup kitchen experience to be involved in until next year, Brother Tim is looking for students to participate in helping out at the food pantry in Wheatfield, Indiana, on Saturday, March 23 and will involve restocking shelves, bagging food for clients, assisting with paperwork, and socializing with the clientele. Brother Tim stressed the importance of the



SJC students working at the soup kitchen. Photo courtesy Bro. Tim Hemm.

social aspect involved. Getting to really know the people is what helps make the experience so special. Campus Ministry would like to offer a soup kitchen volunteer opportunity more often, but because it is so far away it has been difficult. Starting next year, however, they are hoping to secure a church in Lafayette

to utilize. To get involved with Campus Ministry, especially in the upcoming event on March 23, check your email or contact Brother Tim. The more students who volunteer, the more frequently events such as these can take place.





# Get Pumped for Spring Break

## Habitat for Humanity to take trip to Athens, Georgia

By Alex Yong  
Staff Writer

What are your plans for Spring Break 2013? If you don't have any, consider this. This spring, over Spring Break, St. Joseph's College Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity will be working with the Athens, Georgia Habitat for Humanity Affiliate for what they call a Collegiate Challenge. "The Athens affiliate hasn't told us what exactly we'll be doing," explained faculty advisor Professor Fred Berger, "but usually the work involves either new construction of a home, rehab existing houses, landscaping, or site preparation."

Berger has been with the St. Joseph's College chapter since 1995, and this Spring will be his 18th trip.

"Our campus chapter also annually works in Rocky Mount, North Carolina during Thanksgiving Break, and we have traveled to Tanzania, Chile, Guatemala, and Macedonia, and in May we'll be going to Nicaragua for a 'Global Village'

work trip."

The St. Joseph's College chapter meets on the third Thursday of every month, and any student is welcome to join up. Announcements regarding the group go out to students via email, as well as on the Puma Pages Channel. "Students can get involved in many ways: work on committees for campus events, work with the Jasper County affiliate, and sign up for work trips," Berger added.

The group is open to any SJC student interested in joining. The trips have been described by Berger to be life-changing experiences, and well worth the time. Though Spring Break is traditionally the time college students relax, joining the Habitat for Humanity trip offers a different experience. Though hard work, it is not only fun, but also rewarding for the volunteers. "Students often have their eyes opened to the plight of the working poor, and come back to campus ready to make a difference in someone's life."



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The newly renovated Digital Learning Center. The two flat-screen televisions are connected to the internet. Photo courtesy Emily Claeys.

# Student Association Shopping Spree

## Students march on Washington for their beliefs

By Mike Sosnowski  
Staff Writer

If you had \$68,000 what would you spend it on? Loaded question isn't it? Well that's the situation the Student Association (SA) finds themselves in. They have a lot of money and are looking to use it to improve Saint Joseph's College.

The Student Association has what is known as the "reserve account." Any money that the SA doesn't spend over the course of the year gets put into this account. The issue is that, for quite a few years now, a lot of money has been put into the account but little has been used. This year, the SA would like to change that. They want to use some of that \$68,000 to improve the campus and make the student experience here better.

When asked about what he thought the SA should do with the money, Coordinator of Student Activities John May urged the students to be thoughtful in their decision. He stated that he has no recommendations for the students, but will be there to help. He said that he "is on both sides of the fence – he doesn't want the spending to be frivolous, but doesn't want the money to just sit there." Overall, he is hopeful that the students of the SA will spend the money in a way that has the best impact on the student body.

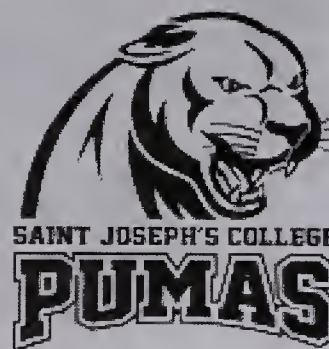
SA President and Junior Mass Communications major, Katie Dittman gave a clear picture of the situation. She believes that discussing, planning, and utilizing the money ought to be one of the main priorities of SA this year. She believes that with

all the budget cuts this year, it would be wasteful to not utilize the resources available. When asked how she would like to see the money spent, she mentioned that there was a lot of discussion about renovating and adding some sidewalks, but ultimately she said, "whatever the students want is what I want." She hopes that students will take this time to speak at the open forums during the SA Senate meetings and invites students to email her ideas at [kdt8405@saintjoe.edu](mailto:kdt8405@saintjoe.edu).

So the question stands, what do you think SA should do with the money? They are eager for opinions. This is your chance to help shape Saint Joseph's College for years to come.

## Upcoming Puma Events

2/22 High School Art Exhibition Begins  
2/25 Eating Disorder Awareness Week  
2/28 MC Mr. Napkins  
3/1 Thirty Hour Famine  
3/2 Admissions Murder Mystery Day



## Introducing the Digital Learning Center

### New computer lab opens in the Core Building

By Alex Yong  
Staff Writer

The past week, Saint Joesph's College reopened the Core Computer Lab, which is now known as the Digital Learning Center. Over the summer, a mold infestation in the original Financial Office forced the College to move it to the Core Lab, leaving the school with only one computer lab, the Science Building Lab.

However, thanks to a Title 3 Grant bestowed upon the school, the Financial Office has been moved to the Halleck Center, and the Digital Learning Center is taking its place.

"The lab will host twenty new laptops, an overhead projector, a Smartboard, two televisions with mini computers, a sound system, and a DVD player." Computer Services Specialist Mary Duggleby said of the new lab.

"It will also have a wireless printer, just like Jazzman's." Duggleby added.

Currently, the lab's hours are very limited, but as the semester goes on, and if more and more students use the lab, hours will

be expanded as needed. It is expected that the new lab will be very popular, both as a place to study and print papers, as well as a place to just pass time between classes. Students can rent laptops or plug in their own in the Digital Learning Center, as there are several easily accessible outlets located around the room. There are several tables at which students can sit. In addition, the Digital Learning Center is wheelchair accessible.

Like the Science Lab, and the original Core lab before it, professors can "rent" out an hour for a class if needed. However, since there is also a printer in Jazzman's, the library, and the Science lab, hopefully, the addition of the new computer lab will reduce the scramble to get a paper printed out before class. Overall, the Digital Learning Center is expected to be a success school-wide.



SJC students take advantage of the Digital Learning Center by plugging their laptops into one of the many outlets located around the room.



# Pope to Resign, History to be Made

By Matthew Hess  
*Opinion Writer*

The Sun dawned on last Monday morning like it has for every Monday morning since the beginning of time. For most people it was a usual day of classes and practice with nothing too terribly out of the ordinary happening. However, in Rome something out of the ordinary was happening.

The pope was delivering an address where it was expected he would announce the names of those who were to become saints sometime in the next year. However, this information was forgotten when he delivered some earth shattering news. On February twenty-eighth Pope Benedict XVI would give up his office as the leader of the Catholic Church

This is big news. Granted, our generation has seen many presidents fall, and many advances that our ancestors never dreamed of. Only three popes (that's the same number of times we have survived the end of the world in the past year) have

stepped down now that Benedict has made his decision to leave the throne vacant. Clearly this is something that will be unique to our generation.

Most of the Catholic world was in shock. This seemed to have come out of nowhere. We all have noticed that pope has aged since his election in April of 2005, but that is just the nature of papacy. Any slack from an aging pope is picked up by his administration.

Faithful Catholics, like myself, had not noticed how much the Holy Father had aged while he was leading the Church, however he cited his mental and physical infirmity for his inability to perform the responsibilities of the Roman Pontiff to their fullest.

This raises many questions for Benedict. What will his title and status in the Church be? Under what title should he be buried? Is there something he knows that we do not? How could the Holy

Spirit let his happen? The first two seem difficult but will be worked out eventually, and their answers will have little effect on the Church. The third is possible, but not likely. The final one however has had a great effect on



the faithful. Many might be upset or sad that he would do this. It is confusing when a structure that seems to always be a constant in life changes and it seems nothing is certain in this world.

However, now that over a week has past the idea of Pope Benedict XVI stepping down has sunk in. The Faithful have come to terms with this major change in their Church. The selflessness and humility that Benedict has shown us has replaced the overwhelmed

feelings. It was posted on Facebook that "Pope John Paul II remained in office so that he might show us how to suffer and how to die. Pope Benedict XVI is leaving the papal office so that he might show us how to live in humble honesty." I agree with Sister Mary Theresa O.P. and that people will think how they use their talents and offices in ways that are better oriented to the will of God.

I have heard that the conclave will open while we are in Spring break, which is good because then we have the time off to watch it. Also, Benedict will not be a part of the conclave. The world is scrambling to place their bets on which Cardinal might assume the throne of Peter. I hope that a nice traditional Italian might be elected. If I had to choose an American, it would be Cardinal Burke. The most popular to the faithful seems to be Cardinal Arinze originally from Nigeria. However as of now no one knows who the Holy Spirit will choose as pope, but let us pray for him and for Benedict XVI as he courageously embarks on a new journey.

## Politically Incorrect!

By Victoria Lawson  
*Opinions Writer*

At Saint Joseph's College I think it is safe to say some of us pride ourselves in being individuals who can stick strong to our opinions. That being said there is something I would like to discuss, something that even I am guilty of, the downgrading of others political opinions in a nontraditional manner. The nontraditional manner is over the social media websites that most of us have. Putting our opinions on Facebook, twitter, and tumblr is not the issue; the issue arises when the only way we feel comfortable sharing our opinions is over the internet. The other issue that concerns me is the way we talk badly about other's political affiliation on social networking. There is not a day that goes by without me seeing something on Facebook about

how Obama is a communist he is taking our guns, or forget the republicans they don't care about anyone but the rich. And then the most disappointing thing of all is when people begin calling each other terrible names because of what they post or believe. This needs to stop! We need to learn how to accept each other's political views. There needs to be a respect for each other and how we all feel. I know it is hard, I even struggle with it. I also believe that we need to learn how to express our opinions on the social network sites in a mature way. There is no need for students to start wars on social networking. It looks classless, ignorant and downgrades your intelligence; especially if you chose to sling mud instead of using facts.

I have friends that are Republicans with myself being a liberal yes we do disagree but we try to keep it off of social

networking. The biggest issue with people putting it on social networking is that there is no face to face interaction that promotes healthy communications. Also when people start political arguments on the internet I have noticed it gets out of hand much more quickly creating tension or even worse coming to threats. Social networking is meant for fun. There is no need to make it serious. As earlier stated there is no need to be crude to others. The way that people address each other's political feelings is appalling. There is no need to personally attack someone because of what they believe on the internet. I guess the counter reaction to this is for people not to put their feelings on the internet which I can also agree with.

People, we need to learn how to interact again! We need to learn how to address what we don't like in a calm civilized manner! There

is no need to be jerks because of how we feel personally. And lastly if you feel so strongly about something that someone has said and done speak to them privately instead of posting

## More Guns?

By Colby Alexis  
*Opinions Writer*

As a result of the Newtown School shootings and several other recent shootings in the United States, several Indiana General Assembly members have begun an initiative that would require institutions of higher education in Indiana, by statute, to allow students to carry weapons on campus.

This measure was introduced to the Indiana Assembly several weeks ago and has sparked a more localized version of the national debate on gun violence, gun control and Second Amendment rights. Shortly after the introduction of this bill, several Indiana institutions (most notably Indiana University and Purdue University) sent letters and representatives to the Assembly to express their concerns. At the most recent

Faculty Assembly meeting, Dr. Charles Kerlin of the English department recommended that the College follow the example of some of our fellow higher-education institutions and submit a letter to the Indiana General Assembly. The faculty voted to draft a letter to send to Assembly, and the process has begun for Saint Joseph's College to join the debate on gun control on college campuses. Does allowing students to carry guns in classrooms discourage violent shootings? No. As such, I think it is incredibly important that the college become involved in this debate.

## Too Much of a Good Thing is a Bad Thing

By Matthew Hess  
*Opinions Writer*

After the terrible attack at the Sandy Hook Elementary School on December fourteenth of last year the nation was in shock. The sadness and anger was directed to a young man who would do the unthinkable by taking the lives of innocent children in our society. After the numerous and emotional funerals were finished, the nation began to look at itself in order to answer where all this violence was coming from.

Over the past year, there have been many mass shootings. But the massacre in this small town elementary school was one of the worst. Because of this it set fire to a smoldering debate that had cooled down quite a bit in the past few decades – gun control. It is true that America is known for their liberal gun laws. When one goes over to Europe, a continent

with a similar standard of living, most of the general public does not own guns nor feel the need to have them. Many of the police officers do not carry firearms on them. Why is that not the case here?

It was thought, at the time of this country's founding, that



a free people should also be an armed people. So, after the Constitution was signed, and the long awaited Bill of Rights came out, the second Amendment said that it was lawful to own guns in this country. Guns were needed, and still are in some areas, for food and protection. As the years

passed in our nation's history so did the tide of technology, and great killing machines were produced. Today the question remains should we still have guns?

I answer that yes, but with its limits. Too much of good thing is bad thing. There should be requirements and background checks for those wishing to buy guns. This will help regulate their use so that they might be discharged in a responsible manner. I also think that certain types of guns should not be made available to the public. If it cannot be used for recreation then there is no reason for it to be on our streets.

No matter what regulations are put on gun control, I do not believe we will ever be able to rid our nation of guns, as the second amendment makes it fairly clear that citizens have the right to bear arms.

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# Success of The Glass Menagerie

By Tabitha Blaisdell  
Features Writer

Originally my intention to go see our drama crew's production of *The Glass Menagerie* was out of curiosity and the fact that I am going to be reading it this semester for my "Intro to Drama" class. Apart from that, I didn't have anything better planned for this cold Friday night, so I decided to go check out the play and I must say I'm very glad that I did.

Based on my previous experiences with plays, I initially thought I might leave during the intermission. I typically get weary in the middle of them. I was pleasantly surprised that this play held my attention all the way through. I believe that this had much to do with the set up and how well the actors portrayed their roles. The stage was especially attractive. It was arranged appropriately with trinkets and obsolete props

allowing you to feel as if you were actually in an older century. The lighting also set the mood of the play. The color changing curtains and the disco lights that were shown during certain scenes gave it a lot of element.

The storyline focuses around Tom's recollection of his mother, Amanda, and his incredibly shy sister, Laura. The actors played their parts very well. I was definitely impressed. Olivia Markwalder did an exquisite job at portraying Amanda, the mother role of the play. Her keen accent intensified and grasped my interest. The back and forth lashing out between the two characters Amanda and Tom, played by Tanner Brunson, was also very humorous. I didn't expect to laugh as much as I did. They both vocally expressed themselves remarkably.

There's also a great deal I could say about the sound effects. There were various



Senior Olivia Markwalder as she performs in Saint Joseph's College's winter production of *The Glass Menagerie* alongside Tanner Brunson, Ken Scofield, and Alycia Tassone. She gave a moving performance. Photo courtesy of Father Tim McFarland.

sound tracks including a clock chiming and a thunder storm. They were all very precise and suitable and contributed to a good understanding of the emotion of each scene.

I actually appreciated that there wasn't more than one intermission. Typically I'd feel like several intermissions would be beneficial because of how jaded I tend to get during plays, but this play had me so captivated that I felt like it wasn't even necessary.

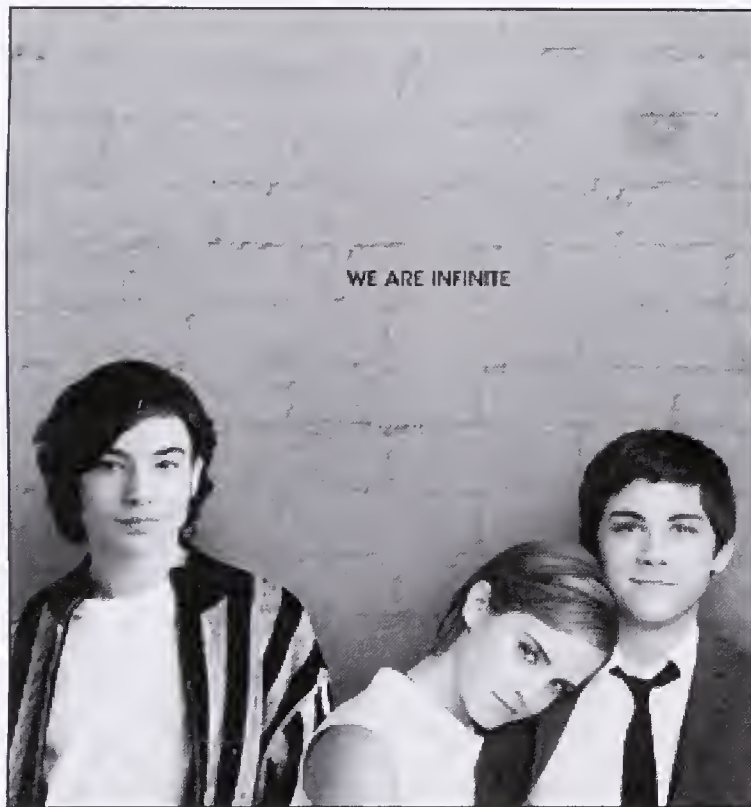
Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the showing of *The Glass Menagerie*. I think the actors, manager, and director of the play really did an amazing job with this one. I'm not even the theatrical kind of person and I thoroughly enjoyed it! This positive experience will definitely increase my interest in attending more plays in the future.

## Perks Is A Must-Read, Must-See

By Nicole Thomsen  
Opinions Editor

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, written by Stephen Chbosky, is a novel that deals with the classic tale of growing up. The main character, Charlie, is about to start his freshman year of high school and his only really good friend has killed himself just months before. To help with his nerves, he begins to write anonymous letters to someone he heard about from a former friend. These letters are what make up the entire book. Charlie writes to his anonymous friend about basically everything. He writes his first letter the day before high school starts. The letter is unhappy; it really shouts that he needs a friend. But to Charlie's advantage he quickly meets some really awesome people, Sam and Patrick. The book covers many of the typical high school issues: sex, drugs, and rock n' roll. The book for the most part identifies with teenagers and young adults because it is significant to what teens deal with today.

As many of you may have already noticed *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* has recently been made into a movie. The film stars Logan Lerman, Emma Watson and Ezra Miller. While the film does cut out some of the major scenes from the book it was still remarkable. I believe that the film went over so well because Stephen Chbosky, the author of the novel, also wrote the screenplay. An obvious theme in both the book and movie is acceptance. Charlie learns to accept the people around him but more importantly he learns to accept himself. A famous quote that made both book and movie is,



Here is the DVD cover for the movie and the new cover for the book *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. Ezra Miller, Emma Watson, and Logan Lerman pose as Patrick, Sam, and Charlie from the film.

"We accept the love we think we deserve."

Moreover, *Perks of Being a Wallflower* deals with what most people deal with when they're in high school, observing or participating. At first Charlie just observes but as the book goes on he begins to participate. He makes his own experiences and moreover he makes unforgettable memories. I think Chbosky was trying to say that we only live once without coming off too strong. He's trying to say don't just be a bystander, get involved, get in some trouble and live your life. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* effectively balances touching drama, charismatic performances, and most of all a

very stimulating plot. The novel isn't exactly a required reading in order to enjoy the film, but I would highly recommend you read it. The book just holds a lot of powerful, detailed scenes that the film wasn't able to keep. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, the novel, can be bought at just about any major bookstore and at some Wal-Mart's. The film version can also be bought at Wal-Mart but if you'd like to rent it Redbox, has it for a \$1.20 or if you'd like Blue-Ray \$1.50. The book and movie are worth your time and I recommend them to anyone who has ever felt even a little estranged from the people around him.

## League of Legends

By Hannah Ramey  
Features Writer

I've never been big on video games. They never held my interest. When I was younger, either my cousins or my friends would hand me a controller and I would just stare at it, wondering what in the world I was supposed to do with it. Key smashing was the only way I played any games, and nine times out of ten it got me nowhere. These games and I had a mutual understanding – I would never play them, and they would be perfectly content with that. That is, until a few weeks ago. I was introduced to an online game that has taken almost all of my spare time, and it is absolutely wonderful.

*League of Legends* is a free MOBA (multiplayer online battlefield arena), where you play as one of over a hundred Champions, each with their own special skills and talents that make them valuable to the game. Teamwork is used with other players online to destroy the enemy team's turrets and bases. AI minions, and in some cases Champions, work to slow your progress. A simple way to describe the game would be a magical game of online Capture the Flag.

As a beginning player, it can be difficult to understand. With so many champions to play against, it is easy to be overwhelmed and

surprised by the enemies. With a good mentor or a little time scouring the magical world of the internet for tips and pointers, though, it isn't too hard to get the hang of the game. Fairly soon, you'll realize you want to stay out of the way of Cho'Gath, who will devour you if you have low health. While amusing to watch, it isn't always pleasant to be on the receiving end of his feeding frenzy.

Once the major concepts of the game have been figured out, you can realize there is even more to appreciate. Each of the Champions in *League* have their own personalized backstories, or Lore. These are fascinating to read, and add depth and layers to what might otherwise be just another online game. Thanks to the Lore, I have found much more enjoyment in this game than any other. I feel as though I know the personalities of individual Champions, which is something that shouldn't be looked over.

Thanks to *League of Legends*, I have come to have no spare time. Whenever I have a chance to sit and relax, I immediately leap to my computer and click the blue icon, ready to start up my next battle. At the moment, I have papers to write and other assignments to get started, but instead of utilizing my valuable time, I'm gearing up as Riven, ready to fight for her pure Noxian vision in the *League of Legends*.





# Food & Liquor II

By Mike Sosnowski  
Features Writer

Most rap these days seems to be the same flavor: club songs with little substance and never anything greater to say. Which yea they're great for the club, but then so was disco. Music that lasts is music that says something more. This is why you should pick up a copy of Lupe Fiasco's *Food & Liquor II: The Great American Rap Album Pt. 1*.

Lupe Fiasco is a Chicago based rapper who you most likely know from the song "The Show Goes On." He had his debut album in 2006 and since then he has had moderate commercial success as well as critical success. His latest album *Food & Liquor II* released last September.

Having only heard of Lupe from his single last year I was not sure what to expect when I came upon this album. Luckily I was pleased with what I came across. Lupe delivers catchy and thought provoking songs. The greatest strength here is the lyrics. Lupe has a real talent for crafting lyrics that get into your head without killing a beat.

What surprised me the most though was the commentary the album provided. Take for example "Around My Way." The song is a striking sting at the injustice Lupe has faced and the problems he sees with the system. Not only is the song smart but it has a memorable beat. Lupe does something I see little of from rappers. He delivers a message

with every song, whether that message is criticizing materialism in "Lamborghini Angels" or the misogyny inherent in much of today's rap in "Bitch Bad." One only needs to look at that last song to see that Lupe is very different from his contemporaries.

The album isn't without flaws. It runs long and drags at points. Sadly it works better in pieces than in one sitting. While Lupe doesn't kill the beat with his lyrics, the beat is not always

the sharpest part, often time being slow and lumbering. Lupe is very much a lyricist and it shows at times. On top of that is the fact that this isn't club music, since it has a message it sometimes isn't relatable. That's not to say it's bad, it just won't resonate with everyone.

Yet despite its flaws this is an album worth investing in. It's different and important. So take a moment away from the club stuff and give this a listen.



Lupe Fiasco differentiates himself from his peers by paying attention to his lyrics. He does this via specific and unique articulation and subject. Check out this album, amongst his others, to find out for yourself!

# Pitch Perfect: A Movie For Men

By Haley Brausch  
Features Writer

*Pitch Perfect*, a movie that majority of you have at least heard of, starring the witty Anna Kendrick, the ironically rebellious Rebel Wilson, the brilliant Brittany Snow, the musical Skylar Astin, and the sarcastic, Anna

Camp. Each one plays a role that flatters the others comedic talents in a way that makes a brilliant collaboration. This movie appeals to all age groups and genders. Whether you're a teen, an adult, a guy, or a girl, you'll love the humor, music, and dancing in *Pitch Perfect*. It is filled with a wide variety of upbeat pop music sung by a capella groups at the fictional Bardonia University. They all compete to see whose music is the best out of a selection of groups, in a playoff fashion. The movie twists in a story about making new friendships, finding love, and more importantly, finding oneself. It's the perfect combination of comedy, music, love, and sisterly friendships. *Pitch Perfect* is by far one of



Pitch Perfect is not what appears to be. On the surface, it's a chick flick which no man has any interest in. Underneath, however is a movie that all sexes can enjoy. It has witty humor universal to touch both genders!

# Need For Speed

By Connor Ring  
Features Writer

When I play a racing game, having the need for speed (no pun intended) is essential to the overall flow of the game. If a company decides to make a game based around speed, it is necessary for the game to take on that role, but also add different elements to the game in order to mix up the gameplay, creating a game that can provide hours of entertainment for years to come. This is why *Need for Speed: Most Wanted* pushes the envelope for the series. Not only are you racing frantically against somewhat difficult opponents with some of the world's greatest cars (in 2005, respectively), but with these cars you must escape a new foe that threatens all the racers of Rockport City: the Rockport City Police Department. Yes, cops finally show up on the scene, creating a true experience of fear and challenge that previous titles to the series had lacked. By adding one simple game mechanic, the entire flow of the game was changed, and it seems like it was for the better. With intense police chases and challenging race options, *Need for Speed: Most Wanted* successfully recreates a true street-racing atmosphere.

Story line is shown not to be the most important aspect of this game, as in speed games need to be more focused on the elements of the game itself over the plot.

The most important aspect in *Need for Speed: Most Wanted* is found in the gameplay. Starting out, the game can feel sluggish, as you don't have much access to the best cars in the beginning, but after you defeat a few of the Blacklist racers the game starts to get hectic. Racing more earns you more money as well as more rewards in the game, such as better parts for your car, more customizable paintjobs, and even more cars to go purchase and race.

The different sets of races can vary, but almost always appeal to a certain type of driver. Sprint, Circuit, and Elimination all serve to be for the endurance racers,

who aren't always in the lead, but manage to strike at the right time to achieve victory. Speedtrap, Drag, and Tollbooth all involve powering through each race at the highest speed possible, leading the pack in points or time. The cops also add a new aspect to the gameplay that involves you earning reputation by engaging in high-speed pursuits, evading cops, committing crimes, and earning a bounty on your car in order to challenge Blacklist racers. You also must earn a certain number of milestones, or challenges within pursuits, that reward you with a small boost of bounty for completing. However, being in a police pursuit also increases your

Heat meter, which determines how difficult the cops will be in pursuing you. At the highest Heat you must endure a squad of up to 25 Corvettes that replenishes over time, a helicopter, roadblocks, ramming SUVs designed to smash your car to the side of the road, and spike strips that pop your tires- ending the pursuit almost immediately. This additional aspect to a racing game like *Need for Speed* makes for a cunning combo of fast paced racing along with action-packed pursuits that change with every turn. As with all games there are errors. One major error is in the customization aspects. "Your car" is not really "yours" since there are very few

options in the overall design. If you can't race with a car that you feel is different and distinguished from others' cars, why should you even bother trying to be creative with it? Another portion of errors within the game are actual errors. Hitting invisible walls that stop you instantly, unrealistically good AI, or unrealistically bad AI all are present within the game at some point.

The invisible walls are very inconsistent, but they usually happen on corners, which can ruin a picture-perfect race without any warning. The AI is unpredictable, but in a bad way, as "error-handling", or the system that fixes problems caused by the AI, can lead to unsettling results. Overall, *Need for Speed: Most Wanted* changed what it means to play a racing game. The racing allows you to feel immersed in the racing world, while the cops were a welcome addition to the mix, changing what it means to be a racer. Although the game struggles with customization options, the AI, and invisible walls in the game, these problems only affect a small portion of the game. *Need for Speed: Most Wanted* will be a perfect example of doing many things right in a racing game and how implementing a new aspect can change a game to a drastically new level. Hopefully, we will see another title of this caliber make its way onto the scene, and to let us know what it means to be the Most Wanted.





# Pumas Fall in Hard Fought Games

By Bisrat Desta  
Sports Staff Writer

The Pumas played what was probably their best game of the season only to come up short at the end. The effort was there, the hustle was there, it just did not show up on the score board. Kentucky Wesleyan College, which is one of the best teams in the GLVC, had to fight and claw their way out to win the game. Coming into the game the Pumas were considered underdogs with a record of 6-15 on the season. The Pumas played so well in the game it was impossible to see that KWC was a top conference team. At the end of a hard fought game Saint Joe lost some juice that resulted in them losing the game 75-67.

The game started with a surprise as sophomore Aleksa Kojcinovic hit the first three pointer of his career which put the Pumas up early in the game. Kentucky Wesleyan answered right back with a basket of their own to give them the lead right back. The first half was very up-tempo and fast paced as both teams had careless mistakes resulting in turnovers.

"Turnovers and free throws are what ended up hurting us in this game" said senior Mike Lipton, starting shooting guard for the Pumas. Saint Joe had 8 first half turnovers while Wesleyan had 6. Both team relied on missed shots and transition offense in order to get buckets, which explains why there were so many turnovers throughout the game.

Senior Damon Ellison, starting forward for the Pumas, led his team in scoring once again while senior Dayvon Sloan contributed with 17 points and 3 assists of his

own.

Wesleyan was led by Dazmond Starks who dominated the game by having a double double with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Underclassmen Corey Clifton also played a good game adding in 9 points. While all around effort and determination was shown by the Pumas, Kentucky Wesleyan showed why they are one of the best teams in the nation and have a decent shot at winning a championship.

"They're a good team. We knew that coming in, it motivated us even more to win in front of our home crowd," said Clifton about the match up with Wesleyan.

The next matchup came against the #23 University of Southern Indiana, on Valentine's Day.

The Pumas came out fighting from the get-go again, hoping to recover from their recent loss.

In the first half the Pumas were on fire from the arc, shooting 43%. Sloan drove the lane to put the Pumas up 31-28 at halftime.

In the second half, the Screaming Eagles jumped ahead, but the Pumas once again fought their way back into the game.

With eight minutes remaining the Pumas were up by three points. This lead was soon lost, and USI increased the lead to 17, beating the Pumas 73-58. The team finished with 37 rebounds, senior Tealgil Stonewall leading with seven rebounds. Sloan finished with 12 points, and 10 points were added by both freshman Maiscei Grier and senior Jon Smith.

While leaders and upperclassmen like Ellison and Sloan graduate this year, we will see what the younger players can



Senior Mike Lipton has scored 163 points this season so far, averaging 6.3 a game. He currently has 49 assists and 75 rebounds. Photo courtesy of Facebook.

offer during the remaining games this season. The Pumas have fought hard in all their games this season, it just seems like closing out games has been an issue for them at many points. It almost seems to be the theme of their season. Having no shot to make the tournament this season they will look to finish their season on a high note in the remaining three games.

The team is away in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to play the University of Wisconsin-Parkside on February 21st. The Pumas will host Lewis University for their last home game of the season at Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse on February 23rd, and then finish out the season at the University of Indianapolis on February 28th.

## Upcoming Games

February 21st

Women's Basketball @ University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Men's Basketball @ University of Wisconsin-Parkside

February 22nd - 23rd

Track and Field @ GLVC Championship Meet, University of Indianapolis

February 23rd

Women's Basketball vs Lewis University  
1:00 p.m.

February 23rd - 24th

Baseball @ Drury University  
2:00 p.m.

February 24th

Baseball - Doubleheader @ Drury University  
12:00p.m. @ 2:00p.m.

February 28th

Women's Basketball @ University of Indianapolis  
5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball @ University of Indianapolis  
7:30

# Interview with Athlete of the Week

By Katie Guernsey  
Sports Editor

Meet Alex "Youngblood" Yong, junior, athlete of the week, runner, and overall great guy.

Yong ran his career best in the 5,000 meters at the Big Meet, running a time of 16:43.47, around 20 seconds better than his previous best.

**What's your major and why?**

"Computer Science with a minor in Psychology. I decided to minor in Psych because I have an interest in the human mind. I think it's like an advanced computer. I hope that one day we can analyze the human mind the same way we analyze computers."

**Why did you run so well at the Big Meet?**

"During the race there was this guy that looked like Paulie D running next to me. And he kept trying to cut me off and basically I'm thinking in my head 'this Paulie D looking guy is going down.' And long story short Paulie D finished after I did. My motivation was to not lose to Paulie D."

**Did you do anything special**

**before this race specifically, or was it just another day? Do you have a pre-run ritual?**

"I was thinking here's another 5 k, and then I just ran. I don't really have a pre-run ritual, just warm up, stay loose, nothing special."

**Why did you start running?**

"It was 6th grade and a bunch of my friends were running cross country. I wanted to be a cool kid too, so I started running."

**What are some of your other interests?**

"I like to work with computers. I program in several different



programming languages. I also used to like to help people out with their computers on campus. I'm that guy people go to when their stuff breaks. I'm trying to learn how to play guitar. I enjoy cooking and baking."

**Pina Coladas, long walks on the beach?**

"I don't really care for Pina Coladas, but I do like long runs on the beach. I'm also a Cancer."

**How did you get the nickname Youngblood?**

"I got the nickname Youngblood from a St. Joseph's graduate Naza Sanchez, and it kind of just stuck. Pretty much everyone here including priests call me Youngblood. It does help separate people I knew before college and people I knew after. People from high school call me AY or A Yong."

Alex Yong is a junior Computer Science major, named Athlete of the Week for his performance in the Big Meet.

Photos courtesy of Facebook and Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

**What's on your sandwich at Subway?**

"Oven-roasted chicken on 9-grain honey oat bread. With tomatoes, spinach, black olives, mixed hot peppers (I always forget what they're called), shredded cheese, with chipotle sauce, honey mustard, red wine vinegar and olive oil."

**No lettuce?**

"I don't mess with lettuce. No nutritional value. I believe that vegetables should be eaten raw and never cooked. Except for corn."



**Have any pet peeves?**

"I consider myself to have some very strange pet peeves. I believe that jeans and flip flops should never be worn together. It bothers me when people eat greasy foods without a napkin and I can't stand having Cheeto dust on my fingers. If I eat chicken wings I frequently wash my hands because I can't stand having the sauce on my fingers."

**Sounds like you really enjoy food.**

"Despite all my physical activity I'm really a fat kid at heart. My personal heaven would probably have an all you can eat buffet with every single food you can eat and I could just keep eating and never get full or fat. I get bored and I start eating. In Freudian psychology we would call this an oral fixation."

**Anything else you want to add?**

"I like flowers. I also vote libertarian. And I like this quote: 'Do what is right because it is right.' Basically it just means be a good person because it's good for all of us. That's important."



# Pumas Post Big Marks at “Big Meet”

By JJ Miller  
Sports Editor

Once again this season, the Puma Track & Field teams traveled north to Grand Valley State University to the Big Meet. The Pumas were set to compete against some of the toughest competition of the season at the GVSU Big Meet, which showcases 1,743 athletes, representing 85 teams from both NCAA Division I and II institutions.

The highlight of the trip was in the men’s 800 meter run, as senior Luke McRoberts continued his standout season, producing an NCAA provisional qualifying mark. McRoberts finished the race in 1:53.62, a personal best which was good for 3rd place overall.

The men’s team produced other great marks, including four personal bests in the 5,000 meter run. The four athletes (all juniors) were Alex Yong (16:43.47), Corey Dowds (16:07.87), Matt Phillips (16:02.49), and Richard Kaht (14:57.11). Sophomore Logan Barrett posted the best time for the

Pumas in the event with his mark of 14:53.45. Sophomore Patrick Massoels continued to improve in the 3,000 meter run with his mark of 9:05.24, surpassing his previous personal best by five seconds.

Phillips said of their upcoming conference meet, “One morning I woke up and was seriously confused about my lifestyle choices. Should I be a star football player, or a news anchor for ESPN? Nothing made sense, my mind was inhabited by storm clouds. Then I heard a voice, the voice of Coach Massoels. I could see clearly then, like the rain was gone! Performing well at conference is how I repay The Venerable Massoels for his guidance.”

For the women’s team, sophomore Sam Nirva posted 3,226 points in the pentathlon to place 6th in the event. Nirva posted new personal bests in two of the five pentathlon events (shot put and the 800m run) in order to achieve her new best overall mark for the challenging event. This also earned her SJC’s Athlete of the Week honors.

The women also showed off their talent in the 3,000 meter run, producing three personal bests in the event. The Pumas showcased their talent in the 3,000 meter event with three personal records. Frehiwet Negassi finished in 19th to pace the Pumas with a finish of 10:43.88. Andie Strang was the next Puma to finish with a personal record of 10:51.60 which improved her previous personal best by almost two seconds. Kelli Lippold finished one spot behind Strang with a time of 10:53.48 to shave off over 20 seconds from her personal best time.

“Even though it was a long weekend,” said junior thrower Megan Rust, “the Big Meet had a lot of good competition. It allowed us to set the tone for our conference meet this weekend.”

The Pumas will finish up their indoor season at the GLVC Indoor Championship Meet at the University of Indianapolis this coming weekend, before preparing to go outdoors in mid-March for the start of the outdoor season.



Senior Luke McRoberts hit his first ever NCAA provisional mark at the GLVC Big Meet with his time of 1:53.62

Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

## Lady Pumas Battle Through Inexperience

By Reid Brazel  
Sports Staff Writer

The Lady Pumas continued battling against tough opponents this season, this time taking on the Panthers of Kentucky Wesleyan. The Lady Panthers outshot the Pumas throughout the night, leading to the 68-37 loss.

Wesleyan shot the lights out of the Richard L. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse, landing 52% of their shots from the floor, and going a perfect 10/10 from the free throw line. In sharp contrast, the Pumas only shot 30% from the floor, and finished only 6/12 from the free throw line.

Senior guard Tonisha Sanders and sophomore guard Kiki Wilson led the Pumas in scoring, with 9 and 8 points, respectively. However, combined, the two went 6 for 23 (26%) from field goal range, and only 1 for 7 (14%) from behind the 3-point line.

Sophomore center Shaquina Scott was 4 for 4 off the bench, contributing a further 8 points to the cause. Despite these efforts, the Pumas ended the game with only 5 assists and 6 steals as a team, as opposed to the 16 assists and 11 steals that helped Wesleyan succeed.

This loss to Kentucky Wesleyan put the Pumas trying to make up some room against their next match-up, the University of Southern Indiana. However, the ladies shooting was finally looking better. Freshman Courtney Kvachkoff ended the game with a career best 20 points. Wilson added 12 points and Sanders finished with 9. The final score ended with the Pumas falling 73-62, with the Screaming Eagles’ added free throws in the end. However, this was one of the Pumas hardest fought games yet it seemed.

Above all the thing to remember is that our Pumas are a very young team. The experience gap between Kentucky Wesleyan and our Pumas was very apparent, and though it is unfortunate that the ladies started playing better this late in the season, it is encouraging for next year to know that the majority of the team will be returning.

The team still has three games remaining in the season to try and redeem their 1-22 record. They are 0-15 in GLVC conference play. Hopefully against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Lewis University, or the University of Indianapolis, the women can end their 15 game losing streak. They only have one home game remaining, against Lewis University on February 23rd at 3 p.m. Come out and support the Pumas at their last home game of the season.



Senior guard Tonisha Sanders goes up for a shot as sophomore Kiki Wilson looks on.

Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

## Puma Athlete Profile



By: Brendon Varallo  
Sports Staff Writer

Courtney Kvachkoff is a freshman guard on the basketball team, majoring in Accounting and Economics, from Crown Point, Indiana.

**What’s the most important trait that any basketball player should have in your opinion?**  
“The size of their father. DNA is very important.”  
**What’s the most**

**embarrassing thing that’s ever happened to you on the court?**

“Very recently I “tripped” and fell over the same line twice. I checked for water. There wasn’t any.”

**Have you ever been “snipe” hunting?**

“Haha! No, I don’t believe in “snipe” hunting. I’ve watched Cheers, too.”

**Is there life on other planets? If so, do you think the movie ET was based on a true story?**

“I don’t know if there is life

on other planets, but I’ve seen a couple people that look like ET.”

**What made you decide to come play basketball here at St. Joe?**

“The coaches and the girls all made me feel welcome right away. That in itself made my decision much easier. They are such a great group of people to be around!”

**How many classes do you skip a week?**

“I don’t skip any (wink wink).”

**Where’s Waldo?**

“I don’t know where he is, but I know where he isn’t: at our basketball games. We could use some more support!”

**Do you think you could beat the Baylor star Brittney Griner one on one?**

“Absolutely! If we’re talking about an eating contest.”

Know someone that deserves the spotlight? Let us know! E-mail their name and sport to [kgt8533@saintjoe.edu](mailto:kgt8533@saintjoe.edu) or [fnt8451@saintjoe.edu](mailto:fnt8451@saintjoe.edu).



Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for February 7th

(219) 866-2222  
fountainstonetheaters.com

A Good Day to Die Hard(R)  
4:30, 6:30

Beautiful Creatures (PG13)  
4:10, 6:10

Safe Haven (PG13)  
4:20, 6:20

Warm Bodies (PG13)  
4:25, 6:25

Identity Thief (R)  
4:15, 6:15

Coming Soon:  
Snitch (PG13)

The Ritz Cinema

Movie for  
February 8th-14th  
(219) 866-0086  
www.ritzcinema.net

All movies begin at 7:00 M-F  
Matinees every day 2:00

The Hobbit: An Unexpected  
Journey (PG13)

Kindhearted Kat and Giddy Gloria Give Advice

Have questions for Giddy Gloria and Kindhearted Kat? E-mail them to rpt8460@saintjoe.edu!

Dear Kindhearted Kat and Giddy Gloria,

Last semester, I partied a lot and fell behind in my classes. My parents aren't happy. I want to still go out and have a good time, but I also want to make good grades. Is there a way to do both? Sincerely, Funless

Dear Funless,

As if you haven't already received a lecture from your parents, I'm going to give you one right now. We're in college to further our education, to get somewhere in life. This isn't like high school where we didn't pay large sums of money for our classes and other expenses. This is college. This is where you prove that you want more in life. Lucky for you, there is a way to balance your studies and

social life. Make one simple rule for yourself: School first. Finish that essay, study for that exam, and do the reading assignments before you go party. You might miss out on a party or two, but you will catch up in your classes. The feeling you get when you pass a class is more rewarding than just another weekend party—no matter how fun it may seem at that moment. Sincerely, Giddy Gloria

Dear Kindhearted Kat and Giddy Gloria,

I haven't been single in a long time and my boyfriend just broke up with me. I would like to stay single for a while but I always find myself back in another relationship. How can I stay single?? Help! Sincerely,

Trapped

Dear Trapped,

I understand your dilemma! Relationships are comfortable and fun, and after a long-term relationship, it can be really hard being single again. But being single is fun, too, and relationships can be a lot of work. Remembering these two things will help you stay single. Don't be afraid of hurting someone's feelings by telling them you aren't interested, either. In the long run, it will be better for both of you. If you are interested, keep in mind why you want to be single! Be open and honest with them and see what they have to say. Most of all, if you were in a long-term relationship, you probably need to figure out who you are on your own again. It's very important that you do this!

Jumping into another relationship won't help you be you. To avoid getting involved with someone else, hang out with your friends! They are invaluable to you right now. They'll keep you too busy for another relationship. Pursue some of your interests you might not have had time for when you were dating. Join clubs, pick up a hobby, take naps! Enjoy having your bed to yourself. Hang out with the people your significant other hated but you kind of liked (you know this happened). Most of all, just do you! This is your time. Have fun with it! Sincerely, Plain Jane

Over Heard

Heard something crazy or scandalous in the cafeteria or around campus? E-mail rpt8460 with your anonymous submission! You may see it in the next issue.

“That’s where that cockroach came from!”

Person 1: “This mannequin is my boyfriend.”  
Person 2: “That mannequin is a girl.”

“I’m amazed at myself everytime I get drunk and still manage to take my contacts out before bed.”

“I’m sorry for apologizing in your party.”

“I may never have won a game of Ruzzle but I know how to make ramen!”

This Week’s Creative Stuff  
from Saint Joseph’s very own Creative Writers

Attention Creative Writers! Do you write poetry? Draw cartoons? This section is specifically FOR YOU! If you have something you’d like published in the paper, e-mail it to rpt8460!

Dad  
By Kristina Hemmerling

Yelling  
He does that a lot  
Over little things  
This was another little thing,  
That didn’t really need to be yelled about.  
But that didn’t matter yet.  
My brothers seemed to be yelled at a lot  
Not me, though.  
I just stood and watched  
Him pick up my favorite Barbie  
And hit them with it.  
That was when it hit me:  
He wasn’t as harmless as he seemed.

Boyfriend  
By Kristina Hemmerling

A boy with a headband on his head  
And a Frisbee in his hand  
Walked by as my roommate and I tried to make friends.  
He stopped and asked if we’d like to join  
In a game of Ultimate Frisbee.  
We had seen him before  
At the track meeting  
So we knew we’d have track friends  
If we said yes.  
So we did.

The Weekly How To  
By Mike Sosnowski

How To Make Friends

Hello readers. I am aware that some of you may in fact be lonely and in need of some friends. So being the wise and helpful person that I am, I decided to tell you how to make friends.  
Making friends is a very important thing to be able to do.  
Lucky for you all, I am an expert at this.  
Now I will start telling you how to make friends.  
Do you like Jello? I do.  
Back to making friends.  
Here we go. Okay.  
Step one is go to the nearest store and pick yourself up some Jello. This is a crucial step. People love Jello.  
Next take and empty the contents of the Jello package into a bowl and add boiling water. Try not to pour too fast or the powder will fly everywhere. That is no bueno.  
Now begin to stir the Jello until it is completely dissolved. Don’t leave any lumps. No one likes lumpy Jello and no one will like you if you give them lumpy Jello.  
After the Jello settles a bit, place it in the fridge to cool. Check on it regularly to see if has congealed. Once it has, leave it in there a bit longer. Cold Jello is a thousand times better than lukewarm Jello.  
Once the Jello has properly cooled and solidified, grab your spoons and serve. Jello is a great dessert that takes little time to make. Yay, Jello!  
Okay, I’m sorry. I tricked to you. I don’t actually know how to make friends and I just wanted to show off the fact that I know how to make Jello. But, hey, now you do too, so when you do get friends I’m sure they’ll love all the delicious Jello you can make them. Good luck to you.